

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

March 2011 – Week 3

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TITLE: PARLAIS VOUS, MURDER?

MARCH 1687 AND A LEGENDARY EXPLORER FINDS DEATH, IN TEXAS.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

MARCH 19, 1687. ALONG THE TRINITY RIVER. TWO YEARS AFTER FIRST LANDING IN TEXAS TO ESTABLISH A FRENCH COLONY, RENE ROBERT CAVALIER, SIEUR DE LA SALLE IS GOING FOR HELP.

THE COLONY IS STARVING, AND CLOSE TO REBELLION. SEEKING AID, LA SALLE AND HIS GROUP HEAD NORTH.

JUST EAST OF THE RIVER, A SCOUTING PARTY INCLUDING LA SALLE'S NEPHEW FAILS TO RETURN. FEARING FOUL PLAY, HE QUESTIONS HIS MEN.

SUDDENLY A SHOT RINGS OUT FROM THE TALL GRASS. LA SALLE IS DEAD, MURDERED BY TWO FOLLOWERS WHO FEAR HE'S GOTTEN THEM LOST.

LATER, BOTH MEN ARE KILLED BY OTHER CONSPIRATORS. THE FRENCH INVASION OF TEXAS FAILS.

THE EXPLORER LA SALLE WAS MURDERED 324 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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Robert S. Weddle, "LA SALLE, RENE ROBERT CAVALIER, SIEUR DE," *Handbook of Texas Online* (<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fla04>), accessed March 09, 2011.

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